

Flipcharts from the Delaware Department of Natural Resources Division of Air and Waste Public Meeting on the former Hercules Golf Course Site

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Overview

At the beginning of the meeting, members of the public asked if the meeting would be recorded. There were no audio recording devices available. Bill McGowan, the facilitator with the University of Delaware offered to record notes on flipcharts. The notes were taken by a student intern, Maria Willin.

Flipcharts are an informal recordation of the meeting. They are not exact quotes unless indicated. Pictures of the flipcharts were taken and then transposed to text with minor edits such as conversion of abbreviations to text. The pictures and the flipcharts are available. The professionals at the front table also took copious notes. I hope that the following captures the nature of over two hours of discussion.

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Need for public hearing
Action/public comment
Process – comment review March 27
Options for more public voice
Clarification of DNREC responsibility
DNREC oversight?
Project Management?
Memorandum of Understanding
Q & A

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Who is responsible if something goes wrong?
Child health?
Westmont Pres. – writing who is responsible
Concerns arsenic – particle size range that is safe? What is source?
Water supply?
Monitoring methods?
How long will the air be monitored?
Air monitoring only applies to arsenic?
Analysis for dioxins

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EPA allows a research facility so close new development plans?
Health risks, high stakes
Airborne toxins, not a concern? Turn around?
Both are now concerns
Well water access? Concerns about location in reference to research center
Trust?
More testing, water, tenting, warning systems, where are contaminants taken?

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Community safety
 o Laws
 o Responsibility
Advise community of construction plans
No shovel our
Reports (works plans on disk)
(Still investigating)
Soil samples
Parcel. 5 (homes should be advised)
Waterways
Fumes? Air?
At research facility

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New concept – no other golf course evaluation - more pesticides than farming. Experience?
Was an evaluation done? This is a concern, plan leaves a lot unanswered. No evaluation b/c no URS level?
What is the line of responsibility?
What happens if a violation happens?
Laws for court case/
Daily monitoring?

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Power of enforcement?
No releases...what happens when an air release may happen?
Air monitoring? (Both 24 hour & personal visits)
What is found to date at research center?
Dust & gas? (Monitor)
Written copies?
Measurements before 27

Responsibility?
County role?

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Who are contractors?
Toll Brothers claims responsibility
Toll has taken evaluation. Will clean up. Will take any action that is needed
Plan

- Take away contaminates to proper disposal
- Test again – above 37 ml. make sure
- Will make results public
- Cut roads, make lots

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- Blend – low levels
- 2nd level testing (to labs)
- Permits
- Will work until it correct

Rap?
Health & safety
Community/worker
Details of project
Mixing? Dry? Plans to use water?
Levels of contamination
What actions will be taken?
Money?

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Were chemicals (pesticides) applied in proper manner?
Rewards? Accuracy?
Before logs were kept?
Rewards incomplete... (memo)?
Streams? Trees? Testing? (See presentation)
Lack of testing
Containment? Tent? Water as a carrier?
Health concerns dust...tenting

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Wash down trucks
Objection
Wetlands, dust, traffic concerns
If county makes a decision, will public be notified
LLC ownership? Toll Brothers does not own so who is responsible?
Chemical engineer?
Jan 25 LLC parcel 9 who owns what
Toll Brothers owns nothing currently
Respect?

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(Presentation)
Concern – (other options)
Condemn

Red clay home town plan
Regulations
Public lack of voice, so many issues
Accuracy in monitoring (calibration of monitors) (Responsibility)
Health & safety plans out on website
No detail – not for chemical...room for improvement
What is the cut off level of contaminates
“Buck stops here?”
Where?

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If community sees a problem, who can we contact & what will be done? How do we know we should call?
Do community concerns make a difference? Is county listening?
Answers?
Responsibility
DNREC review already complete
24D – low amounts of testing
Dioxins – no research

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DNREC is there a need for additional testing?
What will you recommend to the county?
Advice (you can't get toll – low enough)
Protection for workers/children
Traffic concerns
Protection, traffic, safety
Timeline? More time to consider concerns
If soil is not disturbed will there be a problem?
Why do this?
Other businesses?

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Management process?
Clarification of plan?
Process not plan
E-Mail notes to all know addresses

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